

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of operating a business, comprising the steps of:

building a map of components of activities;

filtering said map of components to form a two dimensional heat map of selected components;

defining attributes for said selected components, based on a competency lens;

identifying collaborations for said selected components;

building a three dimensional business component solution stack using said heat map, said attributes, and said collaborations;

developing quick hits and investment opportunities from said solution stack;

defining a roadmap of tasks for implementing said quick hits and investment opportunities; and

implementing said roadmap for said business.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said activities are supported by appropriate processes, applications, infrastructure, and metrics.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said components are individually scalable and extensible.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said filtering is cost filtering wherein cost is allocated to all components based on FTE's and direct cost charges by support units.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said filtering is revenue filtering wherein revenue allocation determines a percentage share of overall revenue based on organizational budget and relative comparison of said selected components.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said competency lens[...] includes business strategy, information technology strategy, organizational strategy, and operations strategy.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said collaborations comprise dynamic collaborations between said selected components.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said collaborations ~~comprise~~ are selected from the group consisting

of consolidator/server, processor, gatekeeper, controller, ~~or~~
and analyzer collaborations.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said solution stack is built using revenue levers and cost levers.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said quick hits and investment opportunities are developed by categorizing each as either [an] application enhancement, new application, application reduction, or business process only.

11. (Currently amended) A method of developing a business roadmap for a client, comprising the steps of:

building a map of client components of activities;

filtering said map of components to form a two dimensional heat map of selected components;

defining attributes for said selected components, based on a client competency lens;

identifying collaborations for said selected components;

building a three dimensional business component solution stack using said heat map, said attributes, and said collaborations;

developing quick hits and investment opportunities from said solution stack; and

defining a client business roadmap of tasks for implementing said quick hits and investment opportunities.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of implementing said client business roadmap for said client.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said activities are supported by appropriate processes, applications, infrastructure, and metrics.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said components are individually scalable and extensible.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said filtering is cost filtering wherein cost is allocated to all components based on FTE's and direct cost charges by support units.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said filtering is revenue filtering wherein revenue allocation determines a percentage share of overall revenue based on organizational

budget and relative comparison of said selected components.

17. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said competency lens is an evaluation criteria to be applied to said heat map.

18. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said collaborations comprise dynamic collaborations between said selected components.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said collaborations ~~comprise~~ are selected from the group consisting of consolidator/server, processor, gatekeeper, controller, ~~or~~ and analyzer collaborations.

20. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said solution stack is built using revenue and cost levers.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said quick hits and investment opportunities are developed by categorizing each as either [an] application enhancement, new application, application reduction, or business process only.

22. (Currently amended) A computer program product for instructing a processor to operate a ~~program storage device~~ readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for operating a business, said computer program product method steps comprising:

a computer readable medium;

first program instruction means for building a map of components of activities;

second program instruction means for filtering said map of components to form a two dimensional heat map of selected components;

third program instruction means for defining attributes for said selected components, based on a competency lens;

fourth program instruction means for identifying collaborations for said selected components;

fifth program instruction means for building a three dimensional business component solution stack using said heat map, said attributes, and said collaborations;

sixth program instruction means for developing quick hits and investment opportunities from said solution stack;

seventh program instruction means for defining a roadmap of

tasks for implementing said quick hits and investment opportunities; and

eighth program instruction means for implementing said roadmap for said business[.]; and wherein

all said program instruction means are recorded on said medium.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, including deploying process software for operating a business, said deployment comprising[;] the steps of:

building a map of components of activities;

filtering said map of components to form a two dimensional heat map of selected components;

defining attributes for said selected components, based on a competency lens;

identifying collaborations for said selected components;

building a three dimensional business component solution stack using said heat map, said attributes, and said collaborations;

developing quick hits and investment opportunities from said solution stack;

defining a roadmap of tasks for implementing said quick hits and

investment opportunities; and

implementing said roadmap for said business.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, including integrating process software for operating a business, said integration comprising the steps of:

building a map of components of activities;

filtering said map of components to form a two dimensional heat map of selected components;

defining attributes for said selected components, based on a competency lens;

identifying collaborations for said selected components;

building a three dimensional business component solution stack using said heat map, said attributes, and said collaborations;

developing quick hits and investment opportunities from said solution stack;

defining a roadmap of tasks for implementing said quick hits and investment opportunities; and

implementing said roadmap for said business.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, including deploying, accessing, and executing process software for operating a business, said method further comprising the steps of:

building a map of components of activities;

filtering said map of components to form a two dimensional heat map of selected components;

defining attributes for said selected components, based on competency lens;

identifying collaborations for said selected components;

building a three dimensional business component solution stack using said heat map, said attributes, and said collaborations;

developing quick hits and investment opportunities from said solution stack;

defining a roadmap of tasks for implementing said quick hits and investment opportunities; and

implementing said roadmap for said business.